



1615 Capitol Ave., Suite 73.771  
P.O. Box 997377, MS 7003  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

**PHONE:** 916.440.7594  
**FAX:** 916.440.7595  
<http://www.cclho.org>

**Leah Northrop, MPA, MAIS**  
Executive Administrator  
[Leah.Northrop@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Leah.Northrop@cdph.ca.gov)

## Officers

Kenneth Cutler, MD, MPH  
President  
Nevada County

*Vacant*  
President-Elect

Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, MD, MPH  
Treasurer  
Los Angeles County

Olivia Kasirye, MD, MS  
Secretary  
Sacramento County

Lou Anne Cummings, MD, MPH  
Legislative Coordinator  
Sutter County

Matthew Willis, MD, MPH  
Regulations Coordinator  
Marin County

Muntu Davis, MD, MPH  
Past President  
Alameda County

Robert Oldham, MD, MSHA  
Executive Officer at-Large  
Placer County

## Directors-at-Large

Cameron Kaiser, MD, MPH  
Riverside County

Andrew Miller, MD  
Butte County

Edward Moreno, MD, MPH  
Monterey County

Maxwell Ohikhuare, MD  
San Bernardino County

Nichole Quick, MD, MPH  
Yuba County

Karen Relucio, MD  
Napa County

Julie Vaishampayan, MD, MPH  
Stanislaus County

Nancy Williams, MD, MPH  
El Dorado County

April 25, 2018

Jennifer Kent  
Director  
Department of Health Care Services  
1501 Capitol Avenue  
PO Box 997413, MS 0000  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

## Re: **SB 945 (Atkins): Breast & Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (Support)**

Dear Ms. Kent:

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) voted at the CCLHO Board meeting on April 5, 2018 to take a Support recommendation on SB 945 (Atkins), a bill that would extend the period of treatment for Medi-Cal members with diagnoses of breast or cervical cancer.

Current law defines the “period of coverage” as beginning when an individual is made eligible for a covered condition and not to exceed 18 or 24 months, respectively, for a diagnosis of breast cancer or a diagnosis of cervical cancer. SB 945 would require Medi-Cal coverage for the duration of the treatment period due to a diagnosis of breast cancer or cervical cancer, as long as the individual continues to meet all other Medi-Cal eligibility requirements.

The current treatment time limitations are arbitrary. Treatment durations vary significantly from patient to patient. This bill would help those with economic vulnerability to complete treatment based on their medical need instead of on a time factor that is not evidence-based.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Health Services (now California Department of Public Health), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California’s 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Should you have any questions, please contact me by phone at 530-265-7154 or by email at [ken.cutler@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:ken.cutler@co.nevada.ca.us) or.

Sincerely and on behalf of the CCLHO membership,

*Original signed by Dr. Ken Cutler*

Ken Cutler, MD, MPH  
President, California Conference of Local Health Officers

cc: Karen L. Smith, MD, MPH; Director and State Public Health Officer, California Department of Public Health